



## MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

**Description of proposal:** The Swebb Sorts Timber Sale #30-084294 and associated Forest Practice Application No. 2413918; a three unit proposal comprised of 216 acres of variable retention harvest and approximately 3 acres of associated right of way consisting of approximately 5,376 MBF with 1,453 feet of required road construction, 8,568 feet of optional road construction, 3,768 feet of optional road reconstruction and 869 feet of abandonment, if constructed or reconstructed.

**Description of mitigation:** The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owls – The proposal area is located in an approximately 70 year old naturally regenerated second growth stand of timber. The area is located in the Watson Creek Stat 1R owl circle (ID#74) with the most current status of a “pair” attained in 1997. Most of Unit 1 and all of Unit 2 are in the circle while Unit 3 is outside the circle. This proposal occurs in non-habitat lands within Owl Areas and is available for the full range of DNR silviculture activities per PR 14-004-120,

Marbled Murrelet – This proposal is within the Straits Planning Unit, which has a Marbled Murrelet Reclassified Habitat Model. This proposal is not within reclassified Marbled Murrelet habitat. The stand consists of second growth timber that does not have habitat characteristics suitable for the Marbled Murrelet, PR 14-004-320,

Riparian and Wetland Management Zones (RMZs & WMZs) - One Class A wetland and one forested wetland are protected with 165 foot buffers. Seven Type 4 streams have a buffer width of at least 100 feet. One Type 5 stream is protected with a 20 foot buffer. Waktickeh Creek, a Type 3 stream, has a buffer width that averages from 150 feet to 170 feet along the creek; this buffer begins at the outer edge of an identified Channel Migration Zone. The Hamma Hamma River, a Type 1 water, has a Mason County required 200 foot buffer along its edge. An unnamed Type 3 stream has a 170 foot buffer. All buffers meet HCP requirements, PR 14-004-150 and PR 14-004-110.

Retention Trees – An average of 8 trees per acre or clumps averaging 40 trees per 5 acres will be retained. All residual old growth were marked as leave trees, PR 14-006-090,

Roads – During periods of wet weather, road construction and hauling of logs will not be permitted if excessive rutting occurs. Rock for this proposal may be obtained from any commercial source or the existing state owned 2510 pit.

For specifics on all mitigation measures consult the SEPA document for this proposal.

**Proponent:** Department of Natural Resources, State Lands

**Location of proposal, including street address, if any:** The proposal is located in parts of Section 2, 11, 15, 16 and 21 all in Township 24 North, Range 3 West, W.M., The

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timber sale units are located approximately 16 miles by road northwest of the town of Hoodspout in Mason County. See the associated Forest Practices Application. The 2510 Rock Pit is located in Section 2 in Township 24 North, Range 3 West, W.M.

**Lead agency:** Department of Natural Resources, Forest Practices

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from Apr. 29, 2010. Comments must be submitted by May 13, 2010.

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